

After the lapse of upwards of three years of unavailing endeavour to obtain payment of the balance adverted to, a recurrence to the whole correspondence became desirable, but on searching for the same in the "Appendix," as referred to at page 188 of the Journal of the Assembly, already quoted, it could not be found. In the absence of any known reason for the suppression of this part of the Appendix, contrary to the apparent intention of the entry in the Journal, an explanation was sought from Mr. Wetmore, the Clerk of the Assembly. He first assured himself of the fact of the omission, but could not from memory account for it. On referring, however, to the file of the correspondence and other papers in manuscript, as laid before the House, an endorsement was found upon it as follows—

"Secretary says it need not appear in Appendix."

So far, therefore, as such correspondence may elucidate the difficulty which has arisen, it has become the more expedient to reproduce it in the manner in which it will now be presented.

But as it involves also another question, already adverted to, consisting of a pending claim for salary from the 1st September, 1858, to the 31st December, 1859, inclusive, I have to request the indulgence of explaining somewhat fully the origin of the latter.

Though previously a resident of the Province during several years, I first became professionally known to the Government of New Brunswick only in the year 1836, in connection with the share which had then devolved upon me in the exploratory surveys with a view to a Railway between St. Andrews and Quebec. When, through the interference of the Government of the United States, that project became suspended, I received unsolicited and unexpected marks of confidence from His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell, then Lieutenant Governor, and also from his immediate successor, Sir John Harvey, in both instances tending, for the first time, to incline my views to the public service. In the autumn of 1838 a proposal was made to me by the Government, through the late Honourable Thomas Baillie, at that time Commissioner of Crown Lands and Surveyor General, to undertake the duty of re-compiling from the materials of his Office, the surveys of lands granted by the Crown, and of continuing such compilation, but at a rate of salary so small as not to be an inducement to engage myself for this purpose. As the necessity of such proposed service was, however, represented to be urgent, I offered to commence and prosecute it at a certain rate per day, until a suitable person could be engaged, my preference at that time being to embark in some other employment rather than accept inadequate remuneration for professional services. This offer was declined, but the former proposal was renewed, with the additional inducement of other professional employment, which I was assured would be necessary at frequent intervals, and for which I would be allowed a certain liberal rate of remuneration, *without deduction from the fixed salary.* With this understanding the engagement was made.

In consequence, however, of my special employments becoming protracted and frequent, in order to anticipate any possible objection to the strict fulfilment of this part of the stipulation, I usually deducted, though not in justice bound to do so, the proportion of the fixed salary accruing during such periods of special service. A certificate of the original arrangement was nevertheless given to me by Mr. Baillie, dated about the latter part of April, or early part of May, in 1841, which was shewn to a member of the honourable Executive Council, in order to be submitted to that body, but was not returned, and, as I suppose, remains on their files.

Though my position in the public service was afterwards more than once a subject of reconsideration, yet so far from its appearing at any time to be the pleasure of the Government to terminate it, I was repeatedly assured by their spontaneous and written pledges to the contrary, and proofs of their unabated confidence were continued during so long a period as to confirm me in the assurance that no change, unprovoked or undesired, on my own part, was either